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## RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. **§1.114**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This submission is filed in connection with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination of the subject patent application. An Advisory Action was mailed on October 11, 2002. Applicants request withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action dated March 27, 2002 (Paper No. 6) and entry and consideration of this submission. Please extend the time period for response by two (2) months to February 03, 2003.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

- (2x Amended) A method for identifying a single nucleotide polymorphism in a target in 1. an isothermal target amplification reaction, said method comprising:
  - hybridizing a detector primer to the target, wherein the detector primer comprises a) a diagnostic nucleotide for the single nucleotide polymorphism, said diagnostic